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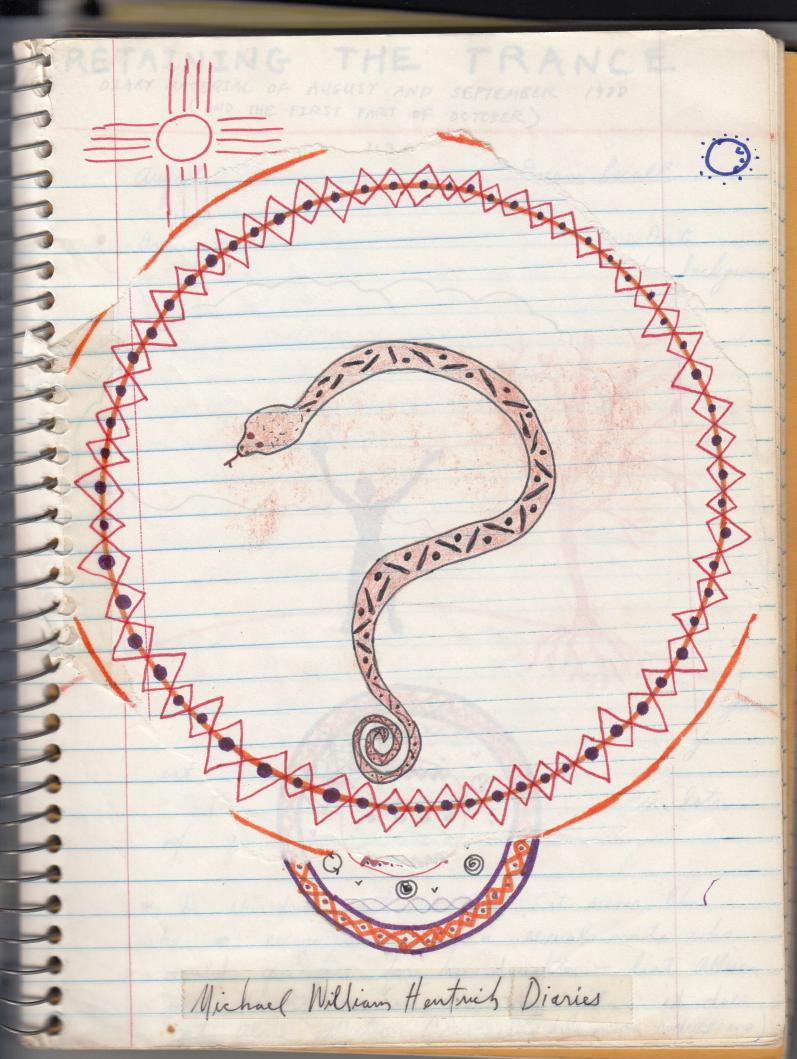
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Michael William Hentrick Diaries

436 914 August 13, Saturday Today has not been an orderious day. This morning we found out that one of our fellow-immates had escaped from the job site during the right with over \$800.00 and a car! That may jespardize our job assignment, as the gas station connection may be Sister Tami visitted today with vephew Joey. Such a peaceful mood that has evoked in me. knowing she and mon miss me and anticipate my return home.
Tami said something that removed the worry I was having (about my being inclined to think deeply - of a mystical quality). She said she's been having dreams like this; where after I have been dead for one hundred years, people would know of me. something I hard writters. She said that she of the things I say all the time, and every day these things become more clear to her. The joy of the prophet is witnessing the transformation of the people's minds!

August 16, Tuesday (evening) 441 917 ... lights are out, writing in the twilight. ... eye glasses broke at work Friday Night. ... pulled off the 11-7 midnight shift because of the escape and the suicide aut at the Shell Station on the turnpike. life is real were turned into 88.9 WXPM on the padio. I'm gonna he calm and write in the darkness ... a but of light is seeping onto the paper from the light outside the window.

I got enough sleep today, but I'll have

to sleep tonight - as till be working on the unit Tommorrow. and prepared for the work force in society. Naw, the only quirk in my character is my inclination towards importaisms. drawn into shanavism by the ghosts that have chosen to guide me through this era. (Black Elk, Hesse, Thoreas), I'm looking forward to Re reading / studying the 3 books that mon will bury Sunday. My focus is Now on spirit Journeys which I happer in dreams.

445 920 August 19, Friday The appointment at Yardville was to see a psychologist ( not the psychiatrist) - it was a pre-parole interview, as I go up in October. It was short and conscise. She said I am obriously not a criminal, but an alcoholic who I has had a tough emotional experiences growing up. She understands I am serious about my recovery, and she well recommed me for parole with advise to get counselling out in socrety. t told her of my plans to travel Via ten speed bicycle, live with sister Tanci, and get any job" to start with. Now is "Nothing". Maintain patience and grace by being horest and clear minded. It matters Not what people think or say about me. What matters is that I am at peace with the inner realm, and that I listen to the Spirit of the Universe that speaks to my heart. From the Great Beyond we are guided by our primal ooze which possesses a Timeless Consciousness. 

Dession 921 Now. What is my "religion"? I worship vature, and I seek truth/reality in the messages of Natures aura. I surrender may thoughts and feelings to be renewed and deepened by the spirits of the water and forests, the spirits of the sky and animals...

So my religion is the Great Earth Mother belief system... Where does Jesus fit into this web of myth? Well before attacking me, calling me a devil, telling me I'll denow in hell for heresy, let me reveal who Jesus is and who he is Not. Jesus is not a Christian. Jesus is one of the many human animals who was in tune with the Great Beyond, Because of the Nature of politics and religions, the government feels a great reed to in control. The government and the holy pollers persecuted Jesus of Nazareth because they need to get rid of such "philosophers".

So, say someone tells me to bet go and accept Jesus into my heart so can be "saved". What is my reaction? I say, "NO. I let go of all preconditioned thinking patterns, and I accept the surrender to the Power of Nature! how Christianity despiritualizes people just Jesus: Jesus was just like me! He was a phillosopher. Reople called him a devil a heretic! I have my own role to play in the web of life let's face it, from using this page to get it out on paper. I will not waste energy directing it towards a "trap". Jim going to ture out of that mythos alt together. (altogether)

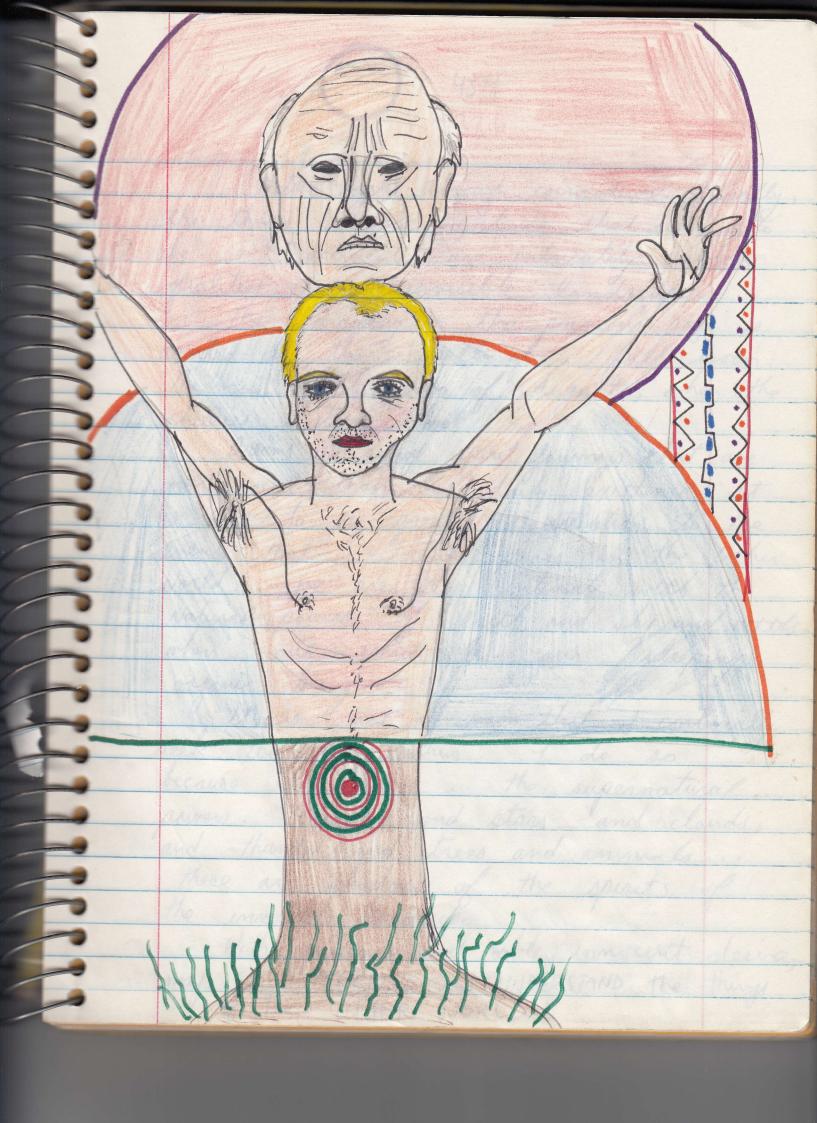
Jim seeking deeper realities!

J need beliesfes that will reveal to me the true vature of life on this planet.
That is why I will focus on the following three novels. 9 three Novels.

Walden and "Civil Disobediamo" Thoreau Black Elk Speaks Neidhart Steppenwolf Hesse August 22, Monday Fream Recall 447 > Dream of Exic and I Wandering The Shore I am driving down a long soud .. I have one shoe on - the other foot bare. We are in a rush to accomplish something of a "Messiah Movement". We have the power to be Messiahi, but we too, will merely be grass upon the hill.

I am looking for a place to leave my
bowl property (excrement/shit) 922 I feel myself falling off track slightly. I must dream Powerful Shamanistic Visions I must " Recall the deeper messages".

I am curious about " the things of the other world", and I desire to see the mystery and strangeness of daily life...
we are the faces that came out
of the ground... only the spirits of
the World may deepen my Vision.



457 929 August 29 Monday

Before I sint into the

musel to write deep sleep, I force myself to write an entry about the "healing powers of "sleeping and dreaming".
When tired, the mind operaines the world from a more and more withdrawn state of mind. We become the living dead, as our sperit longs to rever itself. I to travel inward. to return to the Other World. It becomes clear that wakeful reality is a world of shadows, Riddles, illusions; of paradop and irony -. a man can die young and misunders Good without any recognition whatsoever from the "people of the established institutions of the present society but his spirit is observed by the supernaturals. When I re-enter the waters of sleep, I want to understand the Nature of the wind ... so as to see things as they peally are ... waked, with No masks of form ...

Now ... I feel as though mankind has become slave to the machines, and that morey and the material gimmics attained by money causes greed, which causes confusion and spenting poverty. I want to be a PRESENCE of ANCESTRAL WISDOM

459 930 Reaching out to the primal mother Nature, and seeking wisdom in the primal grandfather Spirit, there comes a link of Thunder Beings. make me to persy ire these powers as ancient, let me become intimate with the spirits of Natural Energy) Just as one reaps the taste of the corn after obeying the genuine desire to take it into ones jaws, the supernaturals will bestow their grace and mystery and strangeness upon the humble creature who looks beyond society, beyond family for Inner Pawer. The earth and sky and woods are so ancient, so mystical - I feel intimate with their Presence - as I have come from the same source, We all have... all creatures are relative, although allthough modern man often desecrates the follow Nations of life forms. When seeking supernaturals, strange inner metamophosis will occur. A SACRED MANNER WILL BE MANIFESTED.

why am I writing this? I do not know. The per is in my hand. I lay in bed with the open notebook in front of me. I have Reached a symbolic boundary: The boundary between the "daily reality" and the deeper reality of moods and feelings... the taily reality consists of "what we seem to be, the masks we weak, the Labels given us", but the deeper reality consists of "what is going on in our hearts; Dur deepest thoughts and feelings. So, whike I may appear to be a Lower who shys away from girls, the truth max be quite different. I may shy away from certain kinds of girls because I am not drawn to them, I am Not the same kind of avinal, A girl I mate with may have to be an intellectual ... a creative woman with an open mind to my personal quirks. Although I may need some innocent sex with any powers body, that will only leave me empty ... although it may be neccescary to release my fluids within a woman, I would rather experience the ecstacy of wild sex with a fengle intellectual.

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the possession experience healths betreased with whiteha chosen one woodstan 2117 voodoo child, seeker of truth obsessed with thoughts obsessed, possessed at days han bait to vi so shy he is to be he shys away into a quiet place at peace in darkness at peace in the woods taken it to the steeday sometimes he feels strange he sometimes wishes he were Not chosen chosen to brew deep thoughts to write a diary of a madman for sure he has thought deeply deeper than most deeper than the herd tonight he celebrates his strangeness Morbid voodoo child bedevilled and possessed! the herd could easily crucify him (me) they leave me be

does anyone notice him? he is obsessed with writing he fills Notebooks with thoughts what possesses him? to bressed Owith thoughting people advise him often:

"just first a girl"

"see a psychiatrist" do not think so much" possession experience taste it to the dregs explore paths not taken the devil chooses his philosophers this wall is herd morality the herd is content with pleasure ghosts fill this kid's mind demanding obeidience! spontaniously he obeys the ghosts he calls them "the gods and spirits" he creates a personal cult vision the meek "becomes a powerful mystic.

472 941 September 2 Friday Evening Black Elk Speaks about CRAZY HORSE'S Vision: " Crary Horse dreamed and went into the world where there is nothing but the sperits of all things. That is the real world that is bekind this one, and everything we see hero is something like a shadow from that world, the was on a horse in that world, and the horse and himself on it and the trees and the grass and the stones and everything were made of spirit, and Nothing was holid, and everything seemed to float." Now we are getting somewhere. That is the Real World, the Other World. "everything we see is like a shadow from that world":

This world that I write in my journals is only a shadow of the Other World Behind this one. The reasons some people may thenk I am weird is because I am part way in that world of sperit all the time. That is why I more about quetly and thinking I all the time. Constantly I am seeing through shadows ... listening for invisible guides.

Where does humour fit into all this?

Like an animal, I am mostly serious
all the time. but at times I get to feeling sad and I wonder why
I am Not living a life
like others do. --But humour comes to mo with the gift to be able to see the irony and paradox of life" Humour ... I am 0 strange to reality and I shy away from crowds. So as it seems that -0 2 am rejected and shot out from them, the truth is that I have No desire to be "in the crowd". Look at it beyond the shadows and try to see the deeper meanings. I shy away from the crowds so that I can be more intimate with the spirits I can hate people, yes, but I can souls in and in the other World 
J believe I am some kind of healer. I need human so as to say, " See the truth, ah ... I must forging them and hope they learn the great secret someday soon."

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sadness My vision is so powerful that it saddens me to the point that I feel I will die of saddhress, but what is death?

I think that may be there is No such thing, as the spirits of all things. continue to live even when they appear "dead". If this world is only shadows of the real world, then what is going on in the Other World?

With all these machines and all the confusion of the times! We work for buys us bread and canned foods. [that's good writing! Now truth is coming out in mannerisms. Speak as though you are not at home with the modern system, as though you are a secret wanderer from the Other World... remember that the world is only shadows of the spirits at all things. Hunger is real, yes, and the cold of writer is real, yes. We are driven to gather food and to marditate within a shelter. learnember not to compare your own life with the life of others. My spirit could be on a different path than another's.

People may critisize the way I speak about the modern world, as though I were not a human being. It angers them because they want me to admit that I am alive only because of houses and technology. of houses and technology. No. My sperit is aline because of the miracle of Creation, and my sperif will live even often my body dies., lying beside a square house, starred to death because money cannot sustain ILLLLLL ones being only the spirits of the animals and the spirits of the plants can do that.

Who is this voice speaking warm?

I really do love this wise understanding that that has relieved me of yesterdays codespair. Is it finally the secret, hidden Great Spirit that is whyperring to me truths that No man can reveal to me? -Now, I will be drivers to the gas stations by a machine. I will pump fuel into lots of machines drivers by walking skelations. I will try to remain part way in the Other Warld.  September 3, Saturday Dream Recall Visions of Lightening Bolts and Spirals of Energy Friers is in this dream. Everything is of the spirit, like in Crazy Horses Vision. Jam looking out of a window and I see a lightening Bolt coming from the sky. It stays there coming down with another bolt spiraling around it.

I see some people from the Tract,

like Ray Damiels. like Ray Damels. In a television, I see myself with a boat... I see 3 woman working in pesturaunt. Then Friend is explaining to me the danger of understanding the wrongress of the Bible and the religious powers... Once a man truly pestores all the ansazing powers to the senses (that have been stolen away by civilization) he is then in a dangerous situation. I ask Fries if "the devil" in the Bible is Not Nature and All The Mystical Towers of the spirits of all things? the says that the men in power have been killing heretics because of their spiritual depth.

holing to gather my thoughts.

I come across some people.

An elderly man looks very familiar. we are recovering alcoholis. subjugation have despiritualized us - and then an honest, humble man BREAKS THROUGH to the Great Spirit and this honest man Re-attains the lowers to his inner senses, then he is like the animal, trees, and beids. Industry is his every, and he In the dream I seemed a little fughtened about lawing broken through to the Other World. It seems as though the machines and the men in power would have the known in the world. feels the scars on the Earth Mother. knowing that I could be in direct contact with Real super Natural forces. I could be a cult hers protected by the gods and spirits. but I seek only to be a good vatured woodsman, a wolf child of the bush in their eyes, a child of the Devil

1988.09.17 \* I realize what the problem is with my writing, with my life, with my thoughts. The boredown is too real. There is No real lone for this
"A 6" it is only a fantasy used to make
me feel like a man. The thing I need to do is to FACE the VOID without any delusions. Am I ready for that? It's too late to say that this Volume is REAL MATERIAL, for after Reviewing March 1988's material, I find I have only succeeding in Repeating the same old fantaries of the same dold pipe cheams. What is so frightening about accepting the meaningless of peality? When I will I at long last herome a prophet of doom: like George Okwell? Yes! I need to be MORBID because I am so sick and tried of believing the plastic mind-set There is no beautiful wife. There is No. beautiful house. There is no beautiful car. There is winter, spring, summer, and there is autum. There are glowing moons, clouds, and rising suns. There is hunger and sleep... Soriliness and inner peace.

When I choose to abandon the delirium funtasies and face the VOID fearlessly, I do Not have to abandon what I have come to know as SPIRITUALITY have come to know as SPIRITYALITY

It is fere that, by giving up self
deception, the art of peing a

prophet will lies it's "glay".

Yes indeed to be a prophet of

always is merely to be an

honest man who suffers life to

the dreep... a man who wants not

to set himself up for a great

fall.

I want to be ready for the

impersonal curelity of life so that

y will not be shocked

by the terror of the vature of by the terror of the vature of reality. exter the bush. A woodsman is well prepared for the mental, enotional, and spiritual tryths of EXISTENCE the black widow... sex and death ... sweet such a child of the devil I AM! 9 I am preparing my mind for the Next phase of my "growing", my "learning".

This volume, if I am Not taken by the Reeper before then, will last into mid-October. There will be a full moon
of September and a cresent moon of
October. By the full moon of October,
I will have begun a new volume of
Diany Material Hopefully that will
be of true prophetic insights! I mean, THE REAL MATERIAL OF THE MIND OF MICHAEL WILLIAM HENTRICH. on the back. No indian symbols ... No ... just a self-image sitting by a trop. contemplating ... & The second difference DIATING FRITTING began with this volume. It is why this volume is of major significance, not to mention the growth happening with this specific entry. I am speaking of the abandonment of the Suggestions Parestions & Pre Sleep Sessions They were entirely too spontanious for paper. U Now, with this entry I abandon even more in

I am an old creature in a young body. I have insight into the sufferrings of life. I am ready for the pairs of living. I do Not expect life to be pleasant. So, am I a "wimp"? No. I am just I am tough enough to endure the right in the wildowness, or find shelter in a tree ... I am tough enough to die without clinging to personality because I am in harmony with THOUGHT and SPIRIT. I accept that only the Earth lasts. What choice does life leave is but to supremoler to it's nature? Has it come connected yet? I mean, the guality of my personal writings... the mood of my mind... has truth connected for me? I am writing a "twidight zone - like documentury" to fill in the empty hours of boredom. I ar some other mind, will read these contemplations, and the goal is to incharge a travce a travce in which grace fills the void.

The entire obsession with "mysticism and the occult" can be broken down into Notice how SPIRITUALITY becomes the basis of my ideas... there is allways that sacred connection with the Spirit of the Mind. , Can it be 80 simple that I only have to focus on WHAT I NEED FOR MERE EXISTENCE - and then abardon ( and a daily basis) the things that I want - I but do Nat really need... abandow the unnatural destines, and attain the real Needs. like sleep, food, shelter, companionship, contact with vature, exploration of the spiritual world... Each New day means a New idea. Each New volume of diary material means breaking through to more real states of mind.

The focus is on GROWTH and LEARNING: on a spiritual level, a mental level, and an emotional level. My Mission is to attain peace of mind - then to PRACTICE AND TEACH a" spiritual Way of Life 6

leave a trail of Notebooks my shadow.

In the introduction of this volume, I stated

that it was a stated that it was of major significance; but that significance is only vour beginning to be real. Notice the signs. The clues. O No margins -My diaries from my adolesence were lost: 1981
through 1987, LOST. GONE, Never to be Read. I although I do not plan on sharing, the material with anyone, there is a chance it by the Elder Chosts. For that reason, I had to repeat many of my old ideas in the 1988 drames: There are four > Coyote Emerges March 1988

-> Coyote Emerges March 1988 -> Crystallization Metamorphosis April 1988 -> Vision Quest May 1988 "Spherical Trance June/July 1988 "Spherical Trance was a furning point. Nav, I was not going to give a subtitle to this volume... I don't is that not part of the "Ton Sawyer / Coxote FUN" of creating a Work-So, in the tradion of the Hentrich Diany Material, I Name this volume of Avoust September 10 Faber 1908:
RETAINING THE TRANCE

100 503 965 September 22 Thursday I have something I need to write over again because it Rings so trup in describing the mentality level of the system - as well as the mentality level of my veighbors (in jail, and often out of jail as I COULD NOT HELP BEING STRUCK BY THE FOOLISHNESS OF THAT INSTITUTION WHICH TREATED ME AS IF I WERE MERE FLESH AND BLOOD AND BONES, TO BE LOCKED UP. AS THEY COULD NOT REACH ME, THEY RESOLVED TO LOCK UP MY BODY. I SAW THAT THE STATE WAS HALF-WITTED, AND I LOST ALL MY REMAINING RESPECT FOR IT. HENRY THORAEU because I refused to him the light toway, I Now have to stay an in the "TV ROOM" in the apartments, for two weeks (between 6-9 PM). Also, I cannot sead or write anywhere else but, there, lights from Now on I cannot touch after 10PM. The POEMS LIVE!

966 504 504 You Cannot Reach Me you cannot reach me
my flesh and blood and bones
is all you see of me
so you control what you believe to be me between my thoughts I dwell to say I am odd and anti's ocial your overestimate your own reality to say my mend becomes unreal when I stay alone in solitude what is so real about your reality? to me it is meaningless so you believe you've discovered a demon dwelling within this body you I have found the creature the creature of the woods I will not fight yours subjugations because you cannot reach me my spirit will prove the woods the demon loathes your shallow reality. 

## SESSION 967.

Well, here I am sitting in the TV room" because the group decided that would be a punishment for me for 2 weeks. I am writing anyway. I will read some Kurt Vonnegut also. Peace. after a wap, I am a little more at ease. Todays group suprised me. I was disgristed by the way Mr. Tidwell came down on me just for using the light... and for something I may have mumbled under my breath.

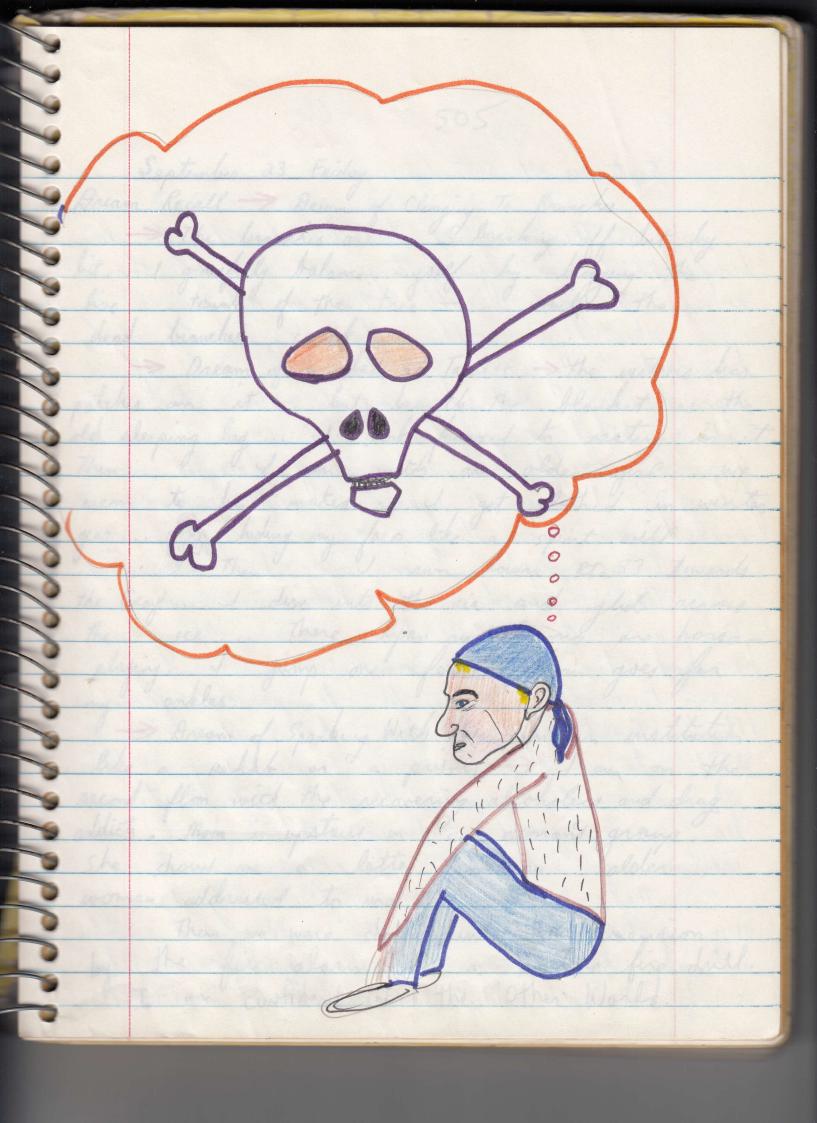
I felt like the world was closing in on me pushing it's reality further into my inner sealm.

I wanted to sun into the inner. realm, to escape the half-wetted injustice of both the group and the counselor,

I have changed,

Although I am quiet, I do have a
will side of me, Here I am, it is very clear to me what is going down. removed from this dimension:

Mr. Tidwell said he wanted to inconviewence me being that I felt that a I had certain rights. I I had to use all my patience to beep from telling the counselor how unreach his reality is to me,



506 September 24 Saturday The punishment has turned out to be beneficial to me by getting me out of the promise to mix with the so others. When I was walking by Mr. Tidwells desk, he said "Hey. Get that wrinkly out of your face " and he smiled when he said feelings I am at peace with The world around me Even though we are distinct, we are both people we are both characters in The Storyboard of believe me can be on speaceful terms, even though.

he had to discipling me,

I really want to be paroled from

Wharton Tract by December, but I also

want to follow my inner urges.

I do not want to pretend to

be an "angel", because I am a

creature of desire - like all.

The mysterious nature of reality is

Were manhanture hosides the woods and earth very enchanting. Besides the woods and earth and sky? there is the bittaine world of dreams and trance-states of mind

0/2 509 971 September 27 Tuesday My "Ratings" chopped from above agerage to a mid average and the comment on the bottom states that Hentrich is "SLIPPING". I got pated below average for group counseling because of the incident with Britton. I explained to the counselor that I had the tendancy to mumble things under my breath even before I came to joil. That is an attitude problem were I feel angry and rebellions.

I feel angry and rebellions. I try to behave - but sometimes I forget where I am - and I just don't seem to care. I get tired of doing what I am told. This is not good that I am in a shipping towards the end, I have got to lay low and really try to behave.

Even when I am freed, I must
not let the anarchist in me get out of control. It is definitely something inside me that pebels against obeidience. I and the more obey, the more it builds up in me...

52/ 979 March to May 1987 -> Cakewood January, February, March - Colts Neck Road, Freehold JO-BIL april, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, Decamber 1986 (April to Jan) 127 Hilbdale Rd, Cisa, Vickie Whistle Cleaners and Hendersons Sunvo March 1986 -> Malaway Terrace, JO BIL February January, February -> Stokes Street, Freehold Moris January Dec. 26-27-28-29-30-31- Jan. 1 -> Sam + Gails, MANAHAWKIN 705 December -> Mom's in Freehold 1987 through 1955 back and faith from women to

dads. meanwhile, enduring CBt.

540ULD I KEEP GOING? > I have endured the divorce of 1981. - I have endured Baron's death of 1984, > I have endured CBA and the rejection from 4.6.

> I broke away from dad in December 1905.

> From January 1986 to January 1987, I went from Mons to sisters to a woman's - all the while on reefer and beer and psychodelics. > My last resort was the Minicheni's attic ... and then Joes sister in Cakewood. I sun's further into my addiction until I became useless.

May of 1987 was the ROCK BOTTOM month of my life Homeless, jobless, strung out ... going down dead end.

1988.10.09 527 983 Evening entry before going to work > I am now seeing this "incarceration experience" in a new way. I look at myself and I see a docide, gentle hearted creature. I look at my sheet from court: "He acted under strong provocation. He had No home or food". of a fourt, fuffills prophetic cheans I had about "the savitarium". Am I incarcerated to protect society from me, as am I prob being protected from society?

It is an intresting thing to contemplate. I am fascinated by reading and by worting my ame journal. I discover worlds in my mind. I behold a universe in which ame ontire civilization is a speck that will countile to the ground.

Where are we going? Our planet ... Earth Mother, where is she going in this Milky Way? Even though I am intignificant; and I am aware of the loneliness of existence, I believe a Primal Spirit holds me to Her Breast... I look at my past ... my innocence... I am ready to see venture out into the "outside world" again.

528 984 October 10 Monday Entry ... powerful vision-like vibrations last evening while sumping gas on the Turnpike. . Edwin Buchs Cult... flashacks of "mission mike - jungle boy"... remember 2 years ago at Exxon... a year ago at Ed's Surveo, .. 3 years Tony Auguns Getty ... maintenance man for M. Donalds ... The vikes made me feel good about being the I Am I have a unique trip... extremes as far "white as Christian Brothers Academy as for black as Whistle Cleaners at Rain Tree (Bird, Richardson-Kick-Vick, Couter, Clemm); working on broad Street/Theremorton ... I could not help but to smile as I noticed the Natural man in me. E. Bired -> M. Hentrich = same spirit, same heart, but whereas Bired is inclined to psychaglelig tunk - Pee Funk, Hentrich is inclined to phthosophy-mysticism-explanation of Aream Turno to conjung up tailes of ghasts of sharmans from the ancient primates of this faitile land... It is a Joy to discover Who I Am Becoming is a more mature version of Who I Was. The Joy is in the Journey! My mind is clearing... I find that I will vever fit a moreld, lint I will discover the joy of being a True Child of The SPIRIT.